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 INVENTION: METHOD FOR SWITCHING DATA RECEIVED VIA A PACKET-
 ORIENTED DATA TRANSMISSION PATH

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AMENDMENT A PRIOR TO ACTION

Sir:

Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced PCT application, and
 15 request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the United States
 Examination Phase.

IN THE CLAIMS:

On substitute page 10:

20 replace line 1 with --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--;

Please replace original claims 1- 7 with the following rewritten claims 1-7,
 referring to the mark-ups in Appendix A.

1. (Amended) A method for switching data that are received via a packet-
 25 oriented data transmission link and are to be forwarded, in which data packets
 subdivided into sub-structure elements are established for a data transmission via
 said packet-oriented data transmission link, comprising the steps of:

allocating, by a conversion unit, an allocation of said data received via said
 packet-oriented data transmission link to channels of a timeslot-oriented data format
 30 formed of a periodic sequence of channel-individual information segments, such that